

**Indiana Young Farmers' Association
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Final Report

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The National Young Farmer Educational Association (NYFEA) held the 37th annual institute in Indianapolis, Indiana December 11-14, 2003 with an attendance of over 450 people from across the nation.

Attendees had the opportunity to:

- Tour a variety of agricultural related businesses, grain and livestock farms along with a taste of Indiana culture, and
- Network with Indiana farms and agribusinesses during the tours and throughout the conference.

The commodity banquet and program, which was held on Friday evening of the conference, featured a video of the following Indiana commodity organizations:

- Indiana Beef Cattle Association,
- Indiana Pork Producers,
- Indiana Soybean Growers Association,
- Indiana State Poultry Association,
- Indiana Turkey Market Development Council, and
- Milk Promotion Services of Indiana, Inc.

The video highlighted each of these commodities and their marketing initiatives and how young farmers may obtain further information about these exciting programs. We made the commodity video available to agriculture education teachers and young farmer chapters across the nation.

Guest speaker Jolene Brown, Iowa farmer and professional speaker, was our keynote speaker during the program. During her presentation she talked about the agriculture market place and how Indiana commodities play a significant role in the future of American agriculture. Also, Indiana Assistant Commissioner of Agriculture, Joe Pearson, had the opportunity to give a welcome and greetings to the attendees during the program.

At the conclusion of the program young farmers had the chance to fill out a commodity survey. This information was shared with the various commodity organizations and is attached as supplemental information. Throughout the conference Indiana commodity information and leadership materials were available at the Conference Resource Center which was supplied by a variety of participating commodity organizations, the Indiana FFA Organization and the Indiana Young Farmers' Association. Overall, the project was a complete success accomplishing our goals:

- Networking opportunities
- Educating young farmers about Indiana Commodities
- Providing agriculture education teachers with learning tools
- Developing Community & Agriculture Leaders

The outcome of this project is to impact the industry by educating nationwide producers on the Indiana livestock commodity programs, how producers outside the state of Indiana could benefit from Indiana's marketing initiatives and partner with Indiana livestock producers. We have opened the communication process to young farmers across the nation to interact with Indiana commodities groups and livestock producers in hopes of expanding Indiana livestock markets in other states.

Final Budget:

Advertising	\$1,269.00
Equipment Rental	\$2,145.00
Facility Rental (set-up & removal)	\$2,089.71
(decorating, shavings etc.)	\$ 520.50
Postage	\$ 350.00
Printing	\$1,710.08
Speaker Fees	\$4,324.90
Event Supplies	<u>\$1,150.94</u>
 Total Costs	 \$13,560.13

Matching Fund Sponsors:

Indiana Beef Cattle Association	\$ 400.00
Weisheit Hog Farm	\$ 400.00
Indiana Soybean Growers Association	\$ 400.00
Indiana State Poultry Association	\$ 200.00
Indiana Turkey Market Development Council	\$ 200.00
Milk Promotion Services of Indiana	\$ 400.00
North Central Beef Cattlemen	\$ 500.00
Indiana Statewide REC	\$1500.00
Syngenta	\$ 250.00
Indiana Bankers Association	\$ 250.00
Indiana Farm Bureau	\$ 600.00
CHS Foundation	<u>\$ 850.00</u>
 Total Matching	 \$ 5,950.00